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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM, FOR AMBASSADOR, RECEIVED DEC. 6 FROM  
ASI EIKENI, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF  
WESTERN SAMOA (GOWS):

1. QUOTE: I HAVE TODAY DESPATCHED THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM  
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TO HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR ARIYOSHI OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.  
INNER QUOTE: HER ROYAL HIGHNESS QUEEN ELIZABETH THE  
SECOND OF GREAT BRITAIN WILL VISIT FOR THE FIRST TIME  
WESTERN SAMOA FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY 1977. THE GOVT. OF  
WESTERN SAMOA URGENTLY NEEDS TO PROCURE FROM HONOLULU TWO  
BLACK CHEVROLET IMPALA CONVERTIBLES OR SIMILAR VEHICLES  
1976 OR 1977 MODEL FOR USE DURING THE ROYAL TOUR OF

OUR COUNTRY. UNFORTUNATELY BECAUSE OF SHIPPING PROBLEMS  
WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SHIP THE VEHICLES TO WESTERN SAMOA IN  
TIME FOR THE OCCASION OF THE QUEEN'S VISIT. ON  
BEHALF OF THE WESTERN SAMOAN PEOPLE AND GOVT. I  
RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR HELP TO  
AIRLIFT THESE VEHICLES FROM HONOLULU TO PAGO PAGO ON  
YOUR MILITARY PLANES THAT FLY TO PAGO PAGO. AN INTER-  
ISLAND VESSEL WILL TRANSPORT THE VEHICLES FROM PAGO  
PAO TO APIA. I SHOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR ANY  
ASSISTANCE YOUR EXCELLENCY COULD GIVE US. WARM  
REGARDS. END INNER QUOTE. GRATEFUL FOR ANY HELP YOU  
CAN GIVE US WITH REGARD TO OUR REQUEST. WARM REGARDS.  
END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY AWARE THAT (A) AUTOMOBILES OF TYPE GOWS  
DISCUSSING NO LONGER AVAILABLE FROM AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS,  
AND (B) THERE IS NO KNOWN SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR TYPE OF  
MAC AIRLIFT WHICH GOWS REQUESTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE  
PLAD'S HELP, THEREFORE, IN ASCERTAINING WHAT GOVERNOR  
ARIYOSHI MAY ALREADY HAVE RESPONDED OR INTENDS TO  
RESPOND TO MINISTER EIKENI. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL  
IF YOU COULD ASCERTAIN ESTIMATED COST OF SUCH HONOLULU/  
PAGO PAGO AIR SHIPMENT BY MAC AND ADVISE. IN EVENT WE  
DECIDE TO GO TO WASHINGTON WITH RECOMMENDATION, THAT  
INFORMATION WILL BE ESSENTIAL. WHILE WE, OF COURSE,  
WANT TO BE AS HELPFUL TO GOWS AS POSSIBLE, WE DO  
NOT WANT TO MISLEAD THEM IN EITHER THE MATTER OF  
AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE AMERICAN VEHICLES OR FUNDING  
OF AIR SHIPMENT. SIGNED SELDEN UNQUOTE  
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